

REMARKS

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-183 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over “applicant’s admitted prior art in combination” with Chen (U.S. 5,453,406), Tang et al. (US 5,550,066) and Hanihara et al. (US 5,990,988). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1-10, 31, 33, 149, 161 and 173 to change the passivation/insulating film to a film of one of the materials of dependent Claims 38, 47, 56, 65, 74, 83, 92, 102, 112, 122, 132, 142, 153, 165, and 177. Applicants are also amending independent Claims 1-6, 10, 31, 33, 149, 161 and 173 to recite the feature of forming the pixel electrode connecting to the wiring through a second hole formed in the silicon nitride (oxide) film and the leveling film, which is shown in, for example, Fig. 9C of the present application. Applicants are also amending these independent claims to delete the feature of forming an electroluminescence layer over the pixel electrode and to make the subject matter of an electroluminescent display device part of dependent Claims 38, 47, 56, 65, 74, 83, 122, 132, 142, 153, 165, and 177.

Applicants respectfully submit that these claimed features are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, independent Claims 1-10, 31, 33, 149, 161 and 173 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection now be withdrawn.


Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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